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Small Particles

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Amendment After Final Rejection

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20230:

Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection office action dated Nov.
21, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

Please disregard the previous amendment made in the paragraph
starting at line 3 on p. 9 of the specification and replace it with
the following paragraph:

--In order to fully coat the particles or provide complete
hermeticity, it may be necessary to coat the particles more than
once. Also, particles of the coating material, can also be present
since volume of the coating material on a particle is unexpectedly
high. To demonstrate the unexpectedly high volume of the coating
material on a coated particle, a 90 nm thick coating on a 5-micron
particle is equivalent to about a micron particle of the coating
material. Particles of the coating material, as well as uncoated
particles, also decrease efficiency and brightness of a batch of
coated particles containing a preponderance of coated particles
where the coating material is different from the particles and a